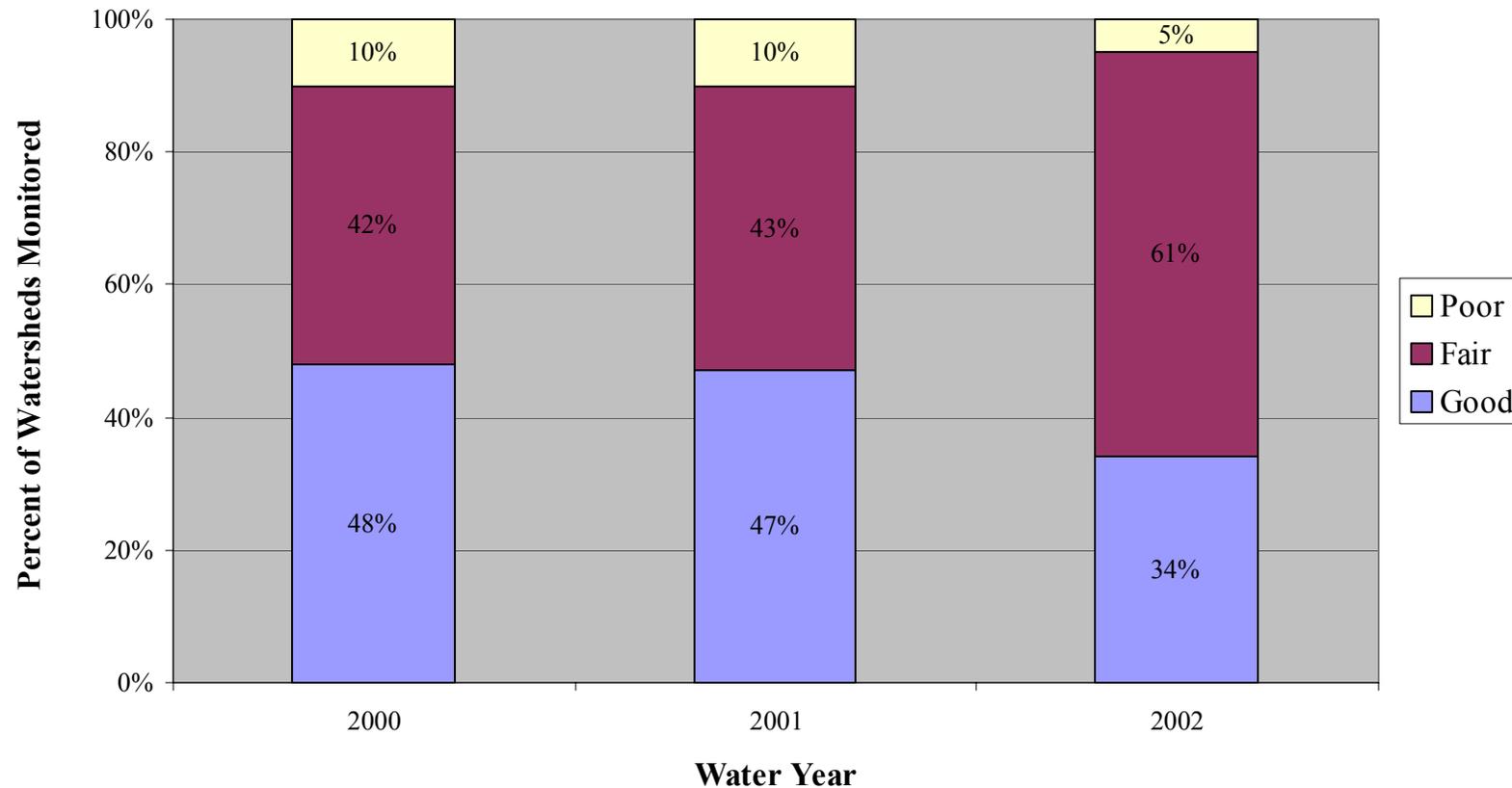


Water Quality in Watersheds



- Water quality is measured by **Water quality index (WQI)**. This is a number that aggregates water quality data at a monitoring station for temperature, pH, fecal coliform bacteria, dissolved oxygen, nutrients, and sediments over a 12 month period. Poor means water quality did not meet expectations; fair means some quality standards were exceeded; good means water quality met expectations. Eight-eight sampling stations are monitored statewide.
- A water year runs from October 1 – September 30.